

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church. We are pleased that you are here and look forward to discovering ways that we can grow in faith and service together. We pray that you will be blessed in worship today. If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact the church office at (337) 984-6400 or gracpreb@lusfiber.net. For Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Pat at 337-781-1806 or at wadp1@msn.com.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH:

Sunday, January 19

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, January 20

Church Office Closed (MLK Day)

Thursday, January 23

2:15 p.m. – MDO Board Meeting

Sunday, January 19

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MDO BOARD MEETING – will be on **Thursday, January 23rd** at **2:15 p.m.** Please let Tim Conner know if you cannot attend this meeting.

CHURCH OFFICE – will be closed on **Monday, January 20th** for Martin Luther King Jr Day.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – if you need to make any changes to your contact information or were not included in our church directory last year, please let Sarah know in the church office of any changes you need to make to your contact information.

CHANCEL FLOWERS – If you would like to bring flowers on Sundays for a special occasion (*birthdays, anniversaries, etc.*), we would love to celebrate your special day with you. Please let the office know which Sunday you would like.

VISITOR CARDS – if you are a visitor today, please fill out a “welcome card” which is located on the table as you exit the Sanctuary. Please place the completed card in the offering plate (*located in the same area*) so we can have a record of you joining us today!

Grace Presbyterian prays for..... (new in bold)

Bill & Bette Grubb
Joyce Guillot
Betty Tucker
Greta Halphen
Katherine Hess
Elke Hitt
Betty Adams
Jim & Jean McLain
Mary Ann Daigle
Mary Lou Montgomery
April Grigg Manzo (Nick Manzo)
Gloria Keller (David & Jysele Jones)
Delores Knots Marks (Terry Wolford)
Byron Hebert (Betty Couch)
Jacquie Mauter Family (Causey's)
Jim & Jean McLain's Family
Anita Stamm Spears (Betty Couch)
Ann Womack Family (Jysele Jones)
Suzy Stewart (Sandy Stewart)
Mrs. Peebles (Gail Rea)
Troy & Melanie Lillie (Sarah Gaspard)
Joyce Sorbet (Nick Manzo)
Mona Faherty (Sandy Stewart)
Jeff & Leslie Zellers (Melissa Gonzalez)
Sherri Elter (Danny Jones)
Alice Guillotte (Betty Adams)
Ms. Mary Jo Brook
Tiffani Bass & Mazen Lee McCoy (William Baker)
Larry Baker (Nancy Sorbet)
Linda Scholes (Jean McLain)
Mildred & Maryann Baker (William Baker)



Grace Presbyterian Staff

Pat Wadsworth
Sarah Gaspard
Gray Guillot
Katharine Schendel
Nick Manzo

Interim Pastor
Administrator
Custodian
Organist/Pianist
Music Director

Grace Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

Unashamed in
Jesus' Name, we will

Gather, Grow, and Go

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Celebration of Worship

January 19, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Your love is faithful, Lord,
People: and even the clouds in the sky can depend on you.

Opening Prayer

Father God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we need both your presence and your guidance as we face the future. We each have our hopes and expectations for the year ahead, but you alone know what it holds for us, and only you can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. Help us to humbly put our hands into your hand, and to trust you and seek your will for our lives in the coming year. In Jesus' name, amen. (Based on a prayer by Billy Graham)

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Blue #263

Call to Confession

Leader: Lord, your decisions are always fair.
People: They are firm like mountains, deep like the sea, and all people and animals are under your care.
Leader: Let us confess our sin together to our faithful God.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord of all, you sent your Son Jesus to not only teach us, but show us how to live together in your

kingdom. Since then, many wonderful human leaders have also come along to teach and show us the ways of Christ. Nevertheless, we continue to fight among ourselves, to harbor grudges and hateful feelings, and to lash out against each other treacherously in unimaginable ways. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to resist the forces that keep trying to enslave us to anger and resentment. Draw us closer to you and to one another, so that we may finally find our joy in peace, love, and harmony for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Our Lord, keep showing love to everyone who knows you,
People: and use your power to save all whose thoughts please you.
Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God!

*Praise Response

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Grow - Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

New Testament Reading John 2:1-11

Message Rev Pat Wadsworth

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison) A Modern Affirmation
**We know that God is in the world – was and is and will be. God made it all, and continues to renew and remake and resurrect.
We know God best in the life of Jesus, who was and is our maker of hope, the one who saves.
We know the power and energy of God in the Holy Spirit.
We are filled with God's joy and pledged to discipleship and love.
We trust in God, We celebrate God. We work together for justice and peace through God.
We are never alone. We are free in the chosen bonds of the ways of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Hymn "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" Blue #370

Give Thanks to God

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors")

Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Go- In God's Name

*Closing Song Blue #439
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

*Benediction Rev Pat Wadsworth

*Postlude Katharine Schendel

*Those that are able please stand